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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 14 and replace with the following paragraph:

In an exemplary embodiment of the ~~invention~~, invention, a modular air handler for a quick chill and thaw system for a refrigerator is provided to produce convective airflow within a slide-out pan at temperatures above and below a temperature of the fresh food compartment to achieve both chilling and thawing of items in the pan.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 14 and replace with the following paragraph:

A vane is positioned in the air supply path downstream from the fan to improve airflow in the pan by dispersing air within the pan and directing air onto food or beverage items placed in the pan. The vane includes a plurality of contoured fins for dispersing air laterally as air is discharged through the vane from above and behind the pan. A tray and rack are also provided that facilitate optimal positioning of items within the pan to achieve desired airflow.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 6 and replace with the following paragraph:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a refrigerator including a quick chill ~~system~~, system.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1 and replace with the following paragraph:

A breaker strip 112 extends between a case front flange and outer front edges of the liners. Breaker strip 112 is formed from a suitable resilient material, such as an extruded acrylo-butadiene-styrene based material (commonly referred to as ABS).

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Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 4 and replace with the following paragraph:

The insulation in the space between liners 108, 110 is covered by another strip of suitable resilient material, which also commonly is referred to as a mullion 114. Mullion 114 also preferably is formed of an extruded ABS material. It will be understood that in a refrigerator with separate mullion dividing an a unitary liner into a freezer and a fresh food compartment, a front face member of mullion corresponds to mullion 114. Breaker strip 112 and mullion 114 form a front face, and extend completely around inner peripheral edges of case 106 and vertically between liners 108, 110. Mullion 114, insulation between compartments, and a spaced wall of liners separating compartments, sometimes are collectively referred to herein as a center mullion wall 116.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 25 and replace with the following paragraph:

A forward portion 278 of air handler 162 is sloped downwardly from a substantially flat rear portion 280 to accommodate sloped outer wall 180 of machinery compartment 164 (shown in Figure 2) and to discharge air into quick chill and thaw pan 122 at a slight downward angle. In one ~~embodiment~~, embodiment, light fixtures 194 and light sources 282, such as conventional light bulbs are located on opposite sides of air handler 162 for illuminating quick chill and thaw pan 122. In alternative embodiments, one or more light sources are located internal to air handler 162.